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SUB: EVACUATION OF TCN'S EMPLOYED BY US PRESS SERVICES

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1. WE LACK KNOWLEDGE OF SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS OF PROPOSAL CITED REFTEL I.E., NUMBERS AND NATIONALITIES INVOLVED, ON-GOING TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS, VISA STATUS, ETC. OUR PREFERRED COURSE, CONSIDERING ONLY FACTORS KNOWN TO US, WOULD BE TO MOVE THE TCN'S FROM PHNOM PENH TO TAN SON NHUT IN LIEU OF THAILAND. IF THEY HAVE VAILID REASONS FOR WANTING TO COME TO THAILAND, IT WOULD APPEAR TO US MORE PRUDENT TO USE THE AID AIRCRAFT THAT IS REGULARLY SCHEDULED INTO DON MUANG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, WHERE THE RTG IS PROPERLY SET UP TO PROCESS ALL PERSONNEL ARRIVING THAILAND.

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2. THE USE OF UTAPAO HOLDS POTENTIAL FOR ADVERSE REACTION

BY THE RTG, AND SINCE IT WOULD NOT BE A CONTROLLED MEDIA VISIT, RISKS EXPOSING OUR RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS. THERE ARE ALSO ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS SUCH AS LITTLE OR NO BILLETING AVAILABLE IN THE UTAPAO AREA, TRANSPORTATION TO BANGKOK, ETC. FOR REASONS CITED WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING TERMINAL SELECTION SEQUENCE BE CONSIDERED: FIRST CHOICE - TAN SON NHUT, SECOND CHOICE - DON MUANG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, THIRD CHOICE - UTAPAO RTNB.
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